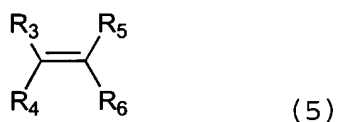


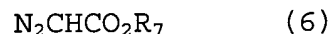
wherein R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆ and R₇ are as defined below,

which comprises reacting a prochiral olefin of formula

(5):



wherein R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are as defined below, with a diazoacetic acid ester of formula (6):



wherein R₇ is as defined below, in the presence of a chiral copper complex as defined in item 3 or 4,

wherein R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ independently represent

a hydrogen atom,

a halogen atom,

a (C1-C10)alkyl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom or a lower alkoxy group,

a (C4-C8)cycloalkyl group,

an aryl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom or a lower alkoxy group.

an alkoxy group,

R₃ and R₄, or R₅ and R₆ may be bonded at their terminals to form an alkylene group having 2-4 carbon atoms, and

one of R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ groups represents an alkenyl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom, an alkoxy group or an alkoxy carbonyl group, of which alkoxy may be substituted with a halogen atom or atoms, provided that when R₃ and R₅ are the same, R₄ and R₆ are not the same, and

R₇ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a cycloalkyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group,

a benzyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenoxy group or a halogen atom,

a phenyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group or a phenoxy group.

The paragraph beginning on page 26, line 8, has been amended as follows:

--Comparative Example 5--